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## **NOTICE AND CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**

The Trinidad City Council will hold a Special Meeting on  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2010 at 1:00 PM**  
In the Town Hall at 409 Trinity Street

**A Closed Session will be held immediately following the conclusion of  
Discussion Agenda**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9.b.3(C)

*Any reportable action will be made immediately following the Closed Session*

- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No minutes to approve.**
- VI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS, INCLUDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**
- VII. ORAL STAFF REPORTS**
  - City Manager
  - Specific Department Reports

- VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**  
*(Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.)*

- IX. CONSENT AGENDA**  
There are no Consent Agenda items.

- X. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**
  - 1. Proposed Resolution 2010-01 Approving Collaborative Submittal to the EECBG Program
  - 2. Appointment of an Advisory Committee to Consider Regulations on Vacation Dwelling Units

- XI. COUNCIL, STAFF, or PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEM X.1**

**Date: January 6, 2010**

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Item:

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2010-01 APPROVING COLLABORATIVE SUBMITTAL TO THE EECBG PROGRAM**

Background:

In August 2009, the City Council approved Resolution 2009-13 authorizing the submittal of an application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds under the American Resource and Recovery Act program.

Since that original Resolution was passed, significant work has been accomplished toward the submittal of a regional application for these Block Grant Funds. A consortium has been formed, led by the Redwood Coast Energy Authority and Humboldt County, to package the multiple applications and provide technical assistance and administrative support to the individual applicants. For Trinidad, the cost of this service of \$1,000 will be deducted from the grant, meaning that the City will now receive \$24,000 toward an approved project.

Trinidad's project has been refined and is now divided into three parts: Town Hall insulation; an energy-efficient heating system for Town Hall; and a Town Hall ventilation system. All of this can be accomplished for the grant of \$24,000.

This proposed Resolution is the final act needed to submit this application on behalf of the City of Trinidad.

Recommended Action:

Approve Proposed Resolution 2010-01.

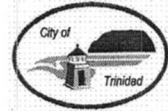
Attachments:

Proposed Resolution 2010-01; and  
Exhibit A, "Project Description of the Trinidad EECBG Project"

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**Stan Binnie, Mayor**  
**Gabriel Adams, City Clerk**



**RESOLUTION 2010-01**

**Submittal of an Application for Funding Energy Conservation through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA): Collaborative Participant's Authorizing Resolution**

WHEREAS, the **City of Trinidad** recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state, and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds are available through the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program for grants to eligible local governments for cost-effective energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the EECBG Program allows for public agencies or non-profit entities to apply for EECBG funds on behalf of eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Trinidad** is eligible for EECBG funding under the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2009 the **City Council of the City of Trinidad** adopted Resolution 2009-13 authorizing the submittal of an application for funding under this program; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Trinidad** is proposing to collaborate with the **County of Humboldt (on behalf of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan)** to implement the energy efficiency project/s described in Exhibit A for the purpose of qualifying for EECBG funds from the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Trinidad** has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the energy efficiency project/s described in Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the CEQA, the City of Trinidad finds that the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A is a "project" under CEQA that is exempt under 15301, because the project does not expand the existing use and is a maintenance project to an existing public utility facility.

Be it also resolved, that the **City of Trinidad** authorizes the **County of Humboldt** submit a collaborative application on its behalf to the California Energy Commission for up to \$25,000 in EECBG funds for the energy efficiency project/s described in Exhibit A.

Be it also resolved, if recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the **City of Trinidad** authorizes the **County of Humboldt** to accept a grant award on its behalf and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the project/s described in Exhibit A.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL** of Humboldt County of the State of California  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010..

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Trinidad City Council  
by the following vote:

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

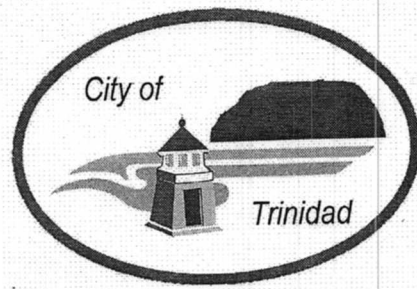
**Attest:**

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**Gabriel Adams**  
Trinidad City Clerk

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**Stan Binnie**  
Mayor



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## **"ATTACHMENT A"**

### **City of Trinidad Project Description for EECBG Program**

#### **Project #1 Insulate Town Hall ceiling**

Insulate Town Hall ceiling with R-21 blown-in fiberglass insulation

#### **Project #2 Insulate Town Hall floor**

Insulate Town Hall floor with R-21 sprayed-on fiberglass foam insulation

#### **Project #3 Replace Town Hall furnace with energy efficient furnace**

Replace 20+ year old furnace with high-efficiency gas furnace

#### **Project #4 Install independent ventilation system**

Install independent ventilation system for Town Hall

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEM X.2**

**Date: January 6, 2010**

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**Item:** **APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER REGULATIONS ON VACATION DWELLING UNITS**

**Background:** At the last City Council meeting, the Council selected a Citizens Advisory Committee to study and make recommendations to the City Council on possible regulations regarding Vacation Dwelling Units. It was agreed that the Committee would have the following responsibilities:

- Discuss and define the concerns related to Vacation Dwelling Units that need to be addressed in Trinidad.
- Research and review ways that other communities have addressed these concerns that have been identified regarding VDUs in Trinidad.
- Present to the City Council a recommend method (if any) for limiting, regulating, or maintaining the status quo on VDUs in Trinidad.
- Propose a process of public review and input to any recommended actions.

It was stressed at the meeting that any recommendations made by the Advisory Committee are advisory only. The Committee's recommendations may be accepted, denied, or modified by the City Council.

A Council sub-committee made recommendations regarding membership on the Citizens Committee. They suggested that the Committee be comprised of:

- Trinidad Planning Commission
- (2) Local Residents
- (1) VDU Local Owner
- (1) VDU Non-Local Owner
- (1) VDU Property Manager
- (1) Local Business Person
- (2) Interested Persons

In line with those categories, the Council made the following appointments on December 9, 2009:

- Trinidad Planning Commission – Jennifer Fraser
- (2) Local Residents – Tom Davies, Pat Morales
- (1) VDU Local Owner – Casey Van Alten
- (1) VDU Non-Local Owner – Dennis Halkides
- (1) VDU Property Manager – Gail Saunders
- (1) Local Business Person – Jackie Keegan
- (2) Interested Persons – Kathy Bhardwaj, Vacancy

Since that meeting, Casey Van Alten and Dennis Halkides have opted not to participate. Kathy Bhardwaj has opted also not to participate as a member of the Committee (letter attached). As a result, the current Committee membership (with vacancies noted) are shown below:

- Trinidad Planning Commission – Jennifer Fraser
- (2) Local Residents – Tom Davies, Pat Morales
- (1) VDU Local Owner – Vacancy
- (1) VDU Non-Local Owner – Vacancy
- (1) VDU Property Manager – Gail Saunders
- (1) Local Business Person – Jackie Keegan
- (2) Interested Persons – Vacancy, Vacancy

The Council had the City Clerk solicit volunteers for the Committee. The following persons (in alphabetical order) have stated their interest in being appointed:

- Jenni Dodd
- Dean Heyenga
- Adora King
- Mike Reinman
- Barbara Snell
- Mary Wilbur

**Recommended Action:**

Select four of the applicants to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Vacation Dwelling Units.

**Attachments:**

Letter from Council Member Kathy Bhardwaj.

12-29-09

To: Trinidad City Council  
VR Committee members  
City Manager Steve Albright

The purpose of this letter is to resign from the Vacation Rental Committee.

I firmly believe in the collaborative process in which people representing different groups within the community work together to find a solution that will benefit the community as a whole. The challenge is to find a "solution" that incorporates everyone's goals as much as possible and that will work in the real world, not just on paper. I was looking forward to working as part of a collaborative group toward this end. I've talked to Gail Saunders and Dennis Halkides and was looking forward to working with them.

However, my presence on the committee has become controversial. Above all else, it is vital that the group be able to work together and build consensus in a calm, collaborative atmosphere. Any controversy over my involvement will interfere with this process, and therefore I am removing myself from the committee.

I collected a large amount of information for my 2007VR agenda item, and also afterward, which I will turn over to the group.

I will, of course, continue to study this issue in an effort to understand it and come up with the best solution to meet the needs of the community. I'll send any further information to Steve to share with the group and encourage other Council members to do the same.

Kathy Bhardwaj